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MINUTES SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 24, 2004 7:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Sunnyvale adjourned from a 4:00 p.m. Closed Session regarding SEA Labor Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, a 5:30 p.m. Study Session regarding Economic Development Program, a 7:00 p.m. Study Session regarding Update on SmaRT Station Operations, and met in regular session in the City Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, California at 7:30 p.m., with Mayor Howe presiding.

NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (b), this meeting included teleconference participation by Councilmember Otto Lee from Hotel Lanai, 828 Lanai Avenue, Lanai City, Hawaii.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A member of Scout Troop 443 led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Howe

Vice Mayor Dean Chu Councilmember Julia Miller Councilmember Ron Swegles Councilmember Melinda Hamilton

Councilmember Otto Lee - via teleconference

Absent:

Councilmember Fred Fowler (excused absence)

Staff Present:

Amy Chan, City Manager

Valerie J. Armento, City Attorney Chuck Schwabe, Deputy City Manager

Robert Paternoster, Director of Community Development

Marvin Rose, Director of Public Works

Robert Walker, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mary Bradley, Director of Finance Elaine Wesely, Finance Manager Steve Lynch, Project Planner

James Craig, Superintendent of Field Service Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager Coryn Campbell, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Donna Biles, Deputy City Clerk

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

Dr. Brian Murphy, the new President of De Anza College, gave a presentation regarding

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(request for continuance)

Councilmember Swegles moved, and Councilmember Miller seconded, to continue this item indefinitely. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Fowler absent.

3 RTC 04-304

Appeal of a Decision of the Planning Commission Approving a Use Permit to Allow Expansion of the Existing Stratford School (From 258 Students Up to a Maximum of 440 Students), Located at 819 West Iowa Avenue (Joe Wagner [Applicant] Sunnyvale School District [Owner])

Steve Lynch, Project Planner, assisted by Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager, presented the staff report.

Staff responded to questions from the Council regarding the impact to the neighborhood, monitoring the facility, how many students the school can legally accommodate, and possible Transportation Demand Management (TDM) reductions.

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 9:12 p.m.

Fred Wiesinger, a member of the public, stated that Stratford School has made efforts to mitigate traffic problems and he has not observed traffic problems. He advocated for approval of the additional students.

Kevin Werner, appellant, stated he is opposed to the increase in the number of students and expressed concerns on traffic problems, the traffic study, pedestrian safety, and play areas for the additional students. He requested more traffic mitigation measures be put in place.

Wendy Tan, appellant, distributed a petition to the Council of residents opposed to the proposed expansion of the school. She expressed concerns over traffic gridlock, traffic complaints not being logged and addressed, pedestrian safety, limited parking, overflow to McKinely Avenue, and the impact on property values.

Paul Thesing, a member of the public, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion and expressed concern related to increased traffic and pedestrian safety.

Lisa, Zhou, a member of the public, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion and expressed concerns relating to increased traffic and lack of student play areas.

Alex Mou, a member of the public, expressed concerns relating to increased traffic and speeding.

Robert Dreisbach, a member of the public, expressed concerns relating to traffic and advocated for a traffic signal on McKinley Avenue.

Sopheak Sim, a member of the public, expressed concerns on the traffic problems at the intersection of McKinley and Pastoria and advocated for a solution. She spoke in support of the expansion of the school.

David Mcintyre, a member of the public, expressed concerns regarding the volume of traffic and the increased parking demand, and advocated for a solution to the increased traffic.

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Richard Withers, a member of the public, expressed concerns on the increased traffic and requested that Stratford School be held accountable for their traffic abatement measures. He suggested more access routes to the school, the use of buses and a dedicated person to direct traffic.

Kaspturi George, a member of the public, expressed concerns related to traffic and advocated to maintain the current enrollment.

Benjamin Pickard, Deputy Superintendent of the Sunnyvale School District, gave a brief history of Stratford School site and stated that the school could accommodate 440 students. He further acknowledged the potential traffic problems and stated traffic mitigation plans are being addressed. He spoke in support of the increase of the number of students.

Joe Wagner, Applicant, stated that Stratford has strived to be an asset to the community and a good neighbor, and that they are contributing \$1.5 million into the public school system. He stated they do offer incentives for carpooling, walking and biking, and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Howe closed the Public Hearing at 10:20 p.m.

Vice Mayor Chu moved, and Councilmember Swegles seconded, to approve Alternative 2, deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's action to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Use Permit with modified Conditions of Approval. Applicant to work with the landlord for arranging for access for dropping off students from Iowa Avenue through the Iowa Avenue parking lot.

Councilmember Hamilton offered a friendly amendment that the school provide a dedicated person for residents to contact regarding traffic problems. The amendment was accepted.

Mayor Howe offered a friendly amendment that staff report back to the Council by the end of July 2005 on any community problems and the amount of enrollment for the first year. The amendment was accepted.

Councilmember Hamilton offered a friendly amendment for a dedicated City staff person to review email complaints and track findings on a quarterly basis and report back to the Council in July 2005. The amendment was accepted.

The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Fowler absent.

At this juncture, Mayor Howe called a recess at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened at 10:47 p.m.

4. RTC 04-293 Public Hearing to Review and Receive Comments on City of Sunnyvale Public Health Goal Report (City's Water System) Prepared for California Department of Health Services

James Craig, Superintendent of Field Services, assisted by Marvin Rose, Director of Public Works, presented the staff report.

 $\label{lem:councilmember} \mbox{Miller requested a report on the trend of copper in the water.}$

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 10:55 p.m. and, there being no public comments,